Greetings,

I am writing today in support of Bill 5283- An Act Concerning the Education Cost Sharing Grant; and our students would appreciate your assistance.

This Bill will fix many of the ASTE funding issues that our schools have been dealing with for the past 30 years. Some important benefits include the addition of a hold harmless for ag centers, so we will be guaranteed sufficient funding in the future. Also it eliminates the sending town tuition requirement which will remove the financial burden to our sending towns allowing our programs to inevitably increase enrollment. And, it will finally achieve funding equality between ASTE and other choice school options in the state. The 20 ag centers in Connecticut and the generation of students who benefit from this education need your support.

It has been a tremendous educational opportunity for my son and I ask you support Bill 5283. Thank you,

Scott Custer